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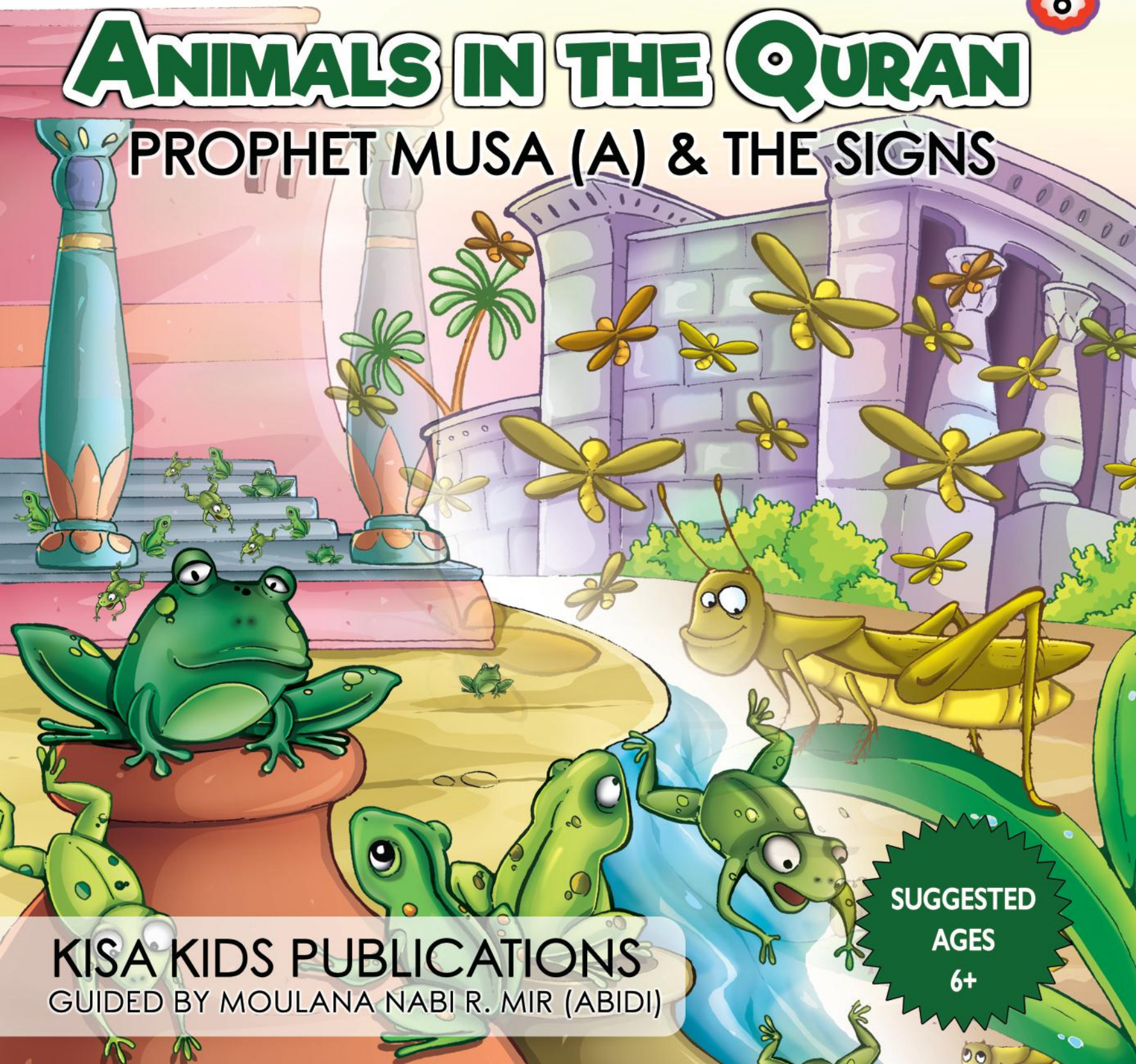

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This book is dedicated to the beloved Imām of our time (ʿaj). May Allah (swt) hasten his reappearance and help us to become his true companions.

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Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ): On the Day of Resurrection, the ink of the scholars will be weighed up against the blood of the martyrs, and the ink of the scholars will be heavier than the blood of the martyrs.

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Marḥūmīn Dedication

Please recite a Sūrah al-Fātiḥah for the marḥūmīn of the Talebi family

Preface

Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ): Nurture and raise your children in the best way. Raise them with the love of the Prophets and the Ahl al-Bayt (ʿa).

Literature is an influential form of media that often shapes the thoughts and views of an entire generation. Therefore, in order to establish an Islamic foundation for the future generations, there is a dire need for compelling Islamic literature. Over the past several years, this need has become increasingly prevalent throughout Islamic centers and schools everywhere. Due to the growing dissonance between parents, children, society, and the teachings of Islam and the Ahl al-Bayt (ʿa), this need has become even more pressing. Al-Kisa Foundation, along with its subsidiary, Kisa Kids Publications, was conceived in an effort to help bridge this gap with the guidance of ʿulamāʾ and the help of educators. We would like to make this a communal effort and platform. Therefore, we sincerely welcome constructive feedback and help in any capacity.

The goal of *Animals in the Quran* is to strengthen children's understanding of how Allah is All-Powerful and All-Wise, thus strengthening their tawakkul and reliance. We hope that you and your children enjoy these books and use them as a means to achieve this goal, inshāʾAllāh.

We pray to Allah to give us the strength and tawfīq to perform our duties and responsibilities.

With Duʾās,
Nabi R. Mir (Abidi)

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You, dear reader, are now part of the Al-Kisa family. Share the word, and join the mission.

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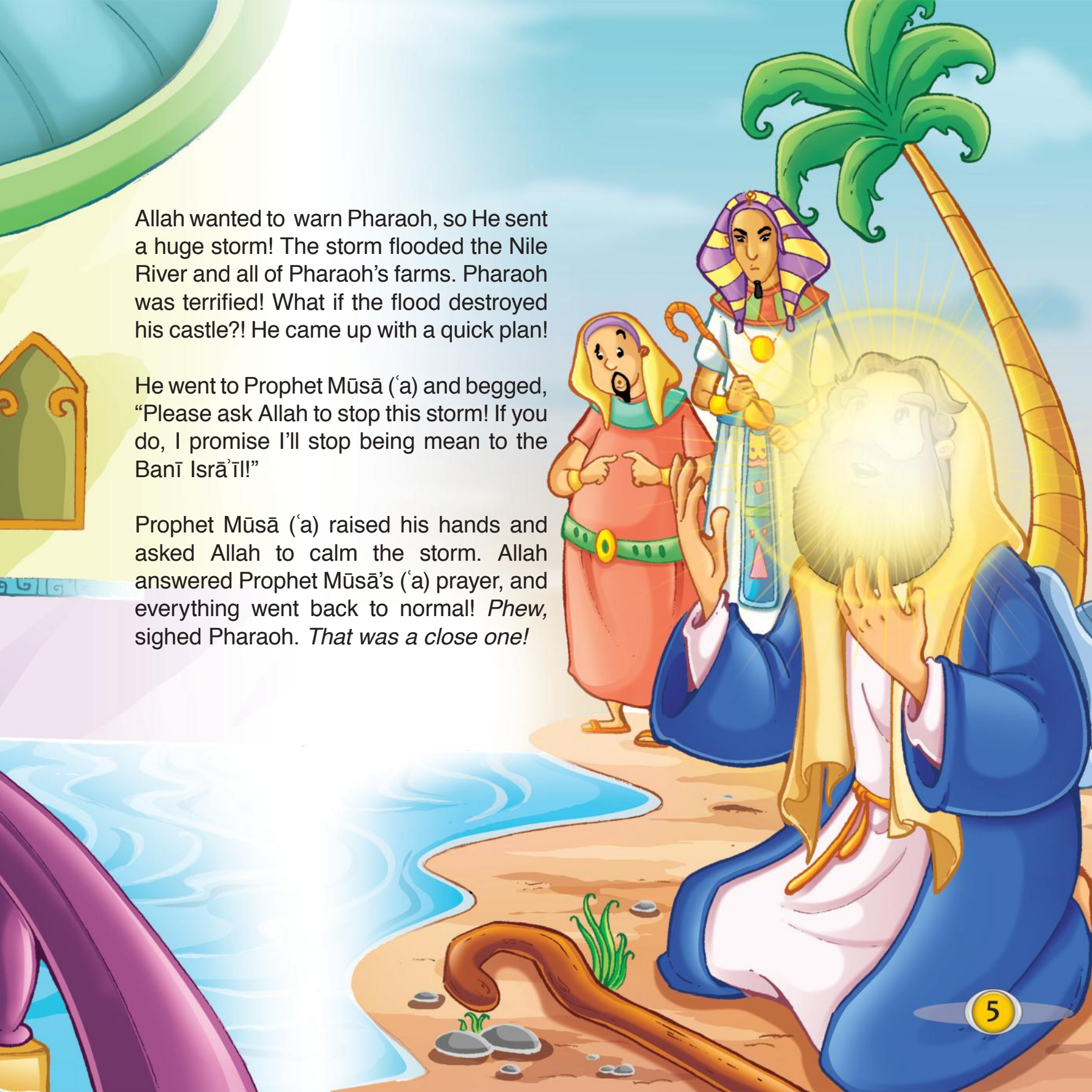
Prophet Mūsā (ʿa)* lived in Egypt for many years along with the tribe of Banī Isrāʾīl.* The evil king of Egypt, Pharaoh, would treat the people very badly! He even spread lies that Prophet Mūsā (ʿa) was a liar and magician! But no matter how hard he tried, people still followed Prophet Mūsā (ʿa) and believed in Allah. Prophet Mūsā (ʿa) asked Pharaoh to free Banī Isrāʾīl many times, but Pharaoh was mean and greedy. He claimed that *he* was a god and refused to believe in Allah or free the Banī Isrāʾīl.

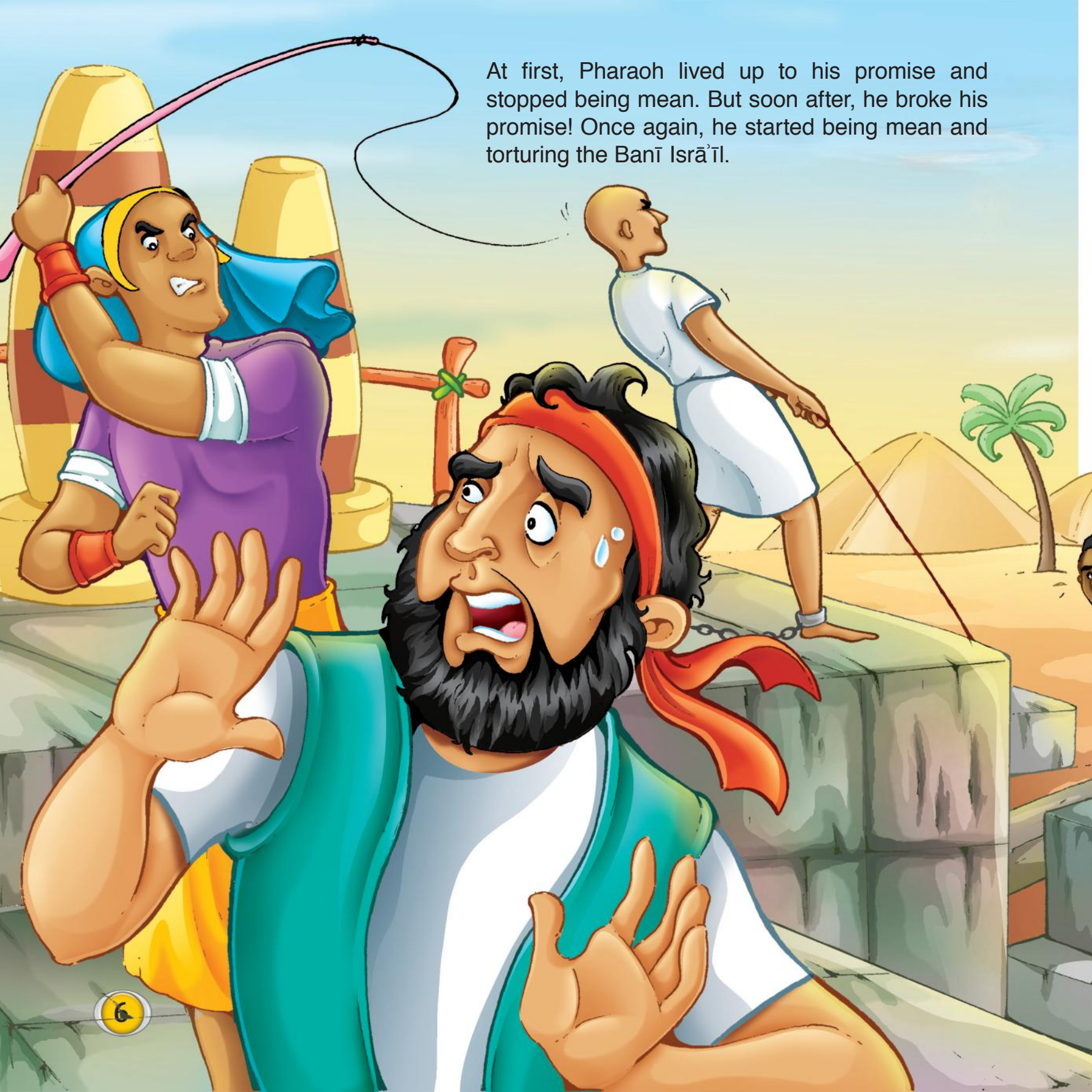
Pronunciation Guide:
ū is an elongated "o" sound, like "oo"
ā is an elongated "a" sound, like "aa"
ʿa comes from the middle of the throat
ī is an elongated "e" sound, like "ee"

Allah wanted to warn Pharaoh, so He sent a huge storm! The storm flooded the Nile River and all of Pharaoh's farms. Pharaoh was terrified! What if the flood destroyed his castle?! He came up with a quick plan!

He went to Prophet Mūsā (ʿa) and begged, "Please ask Allah to stop this storm! If you do, I promise I'll stop being mean to the Banī Isrāʾīl!"

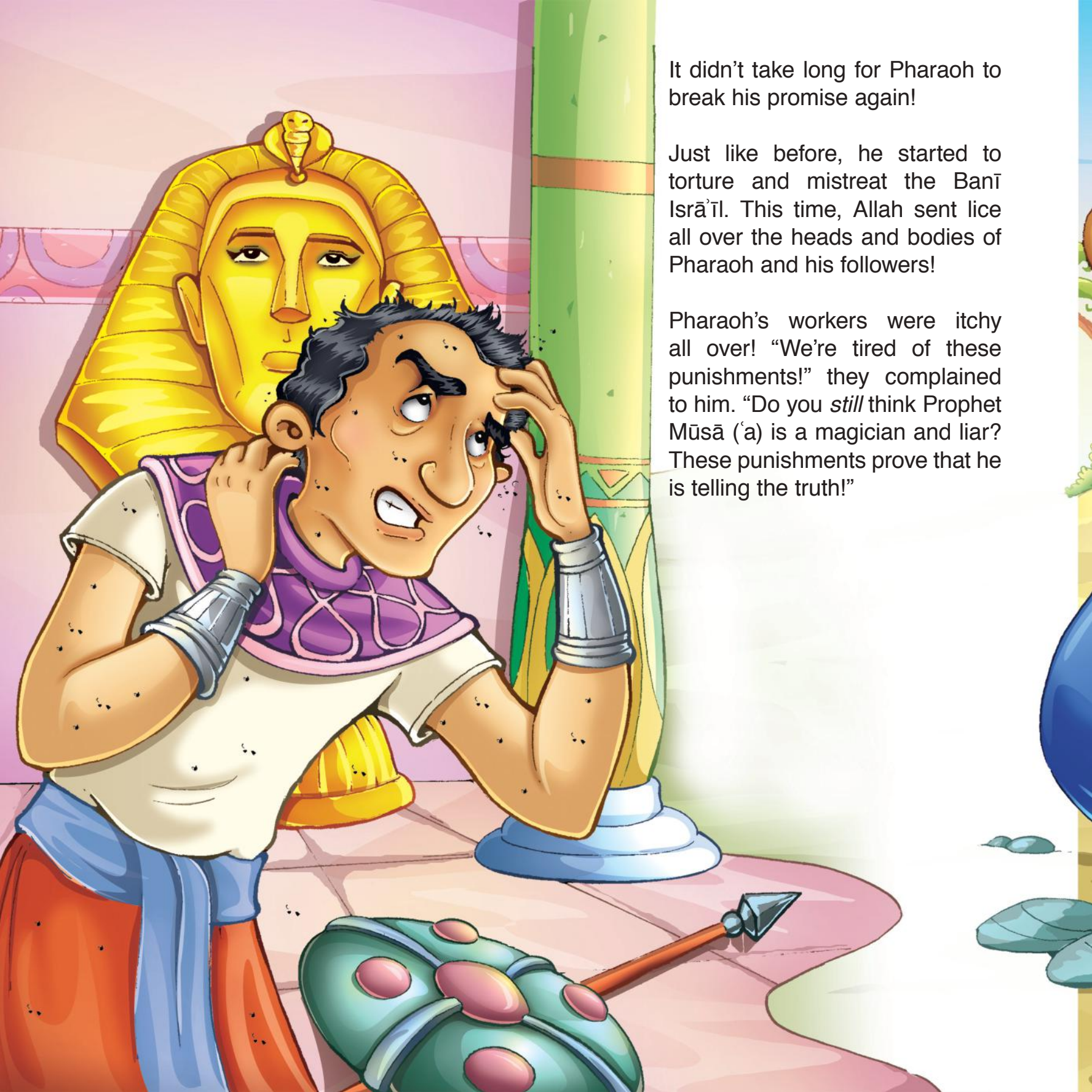
Prophet Mūsā (ʿa) raised his hands and asked Allah to calm the storm. Allah answered Prophet Mūsā's (ʿa) prayer, and everything went back to normal! *Phew,* sighed Pharaoh. *That was a close one!*





At first, Pharaoh lived up to his promise and stopped being mean. But soon after, he broke his promise! Once again, he started being mean and torturing the Banī Isrāʾīl.

As another warning, Allah sent an army of large grasshoppers, called locusts, that ruined all the crops! Once again, Pharaoh was terrified! He sent his messenger to ask Prophet Mūsā (ʿa) for help. Just like last time, Pharaoh promised he would stop treating the people badly once and for all. Again, Allah answered Prophet Mūsā's (ʿa) prayer, and the locusts went away!

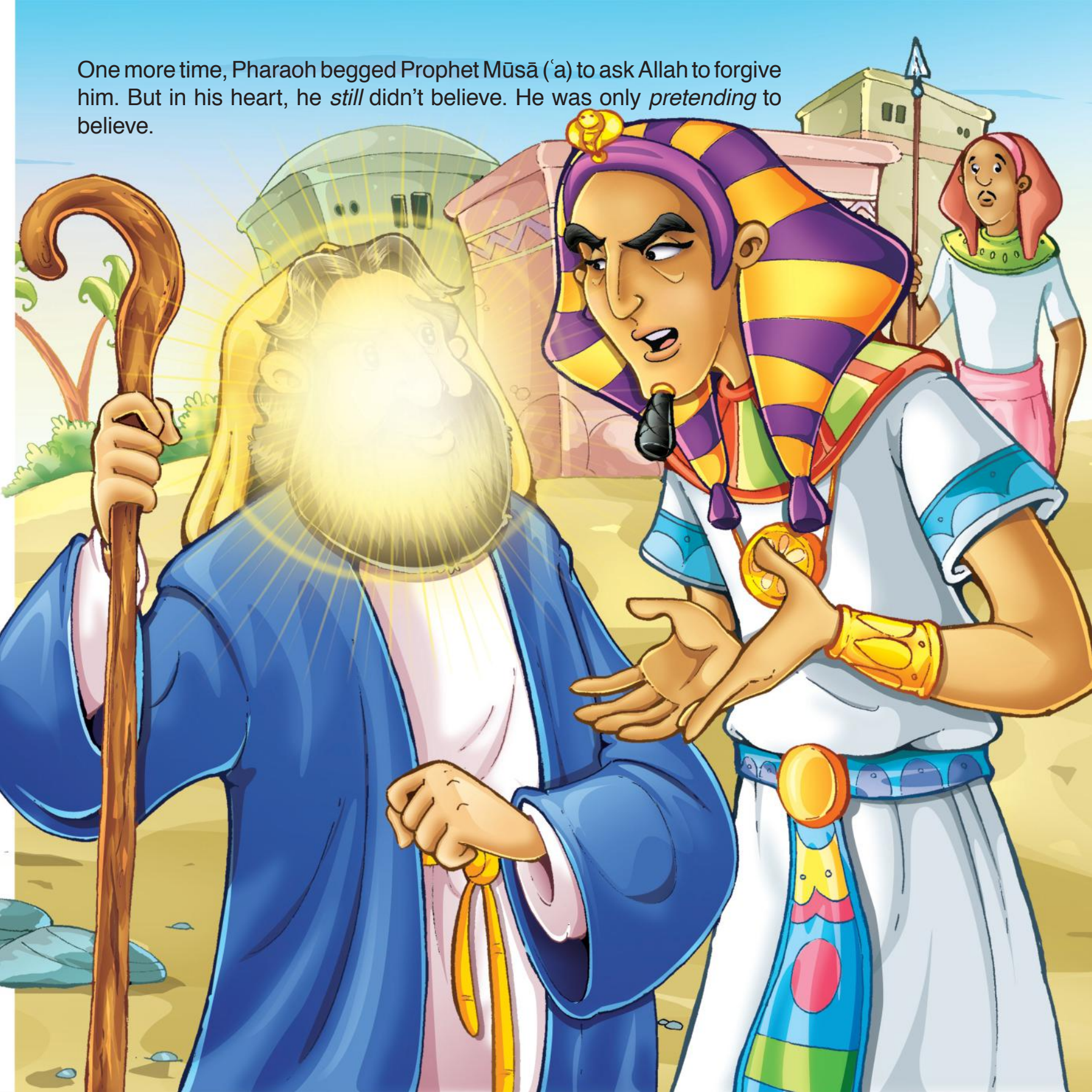


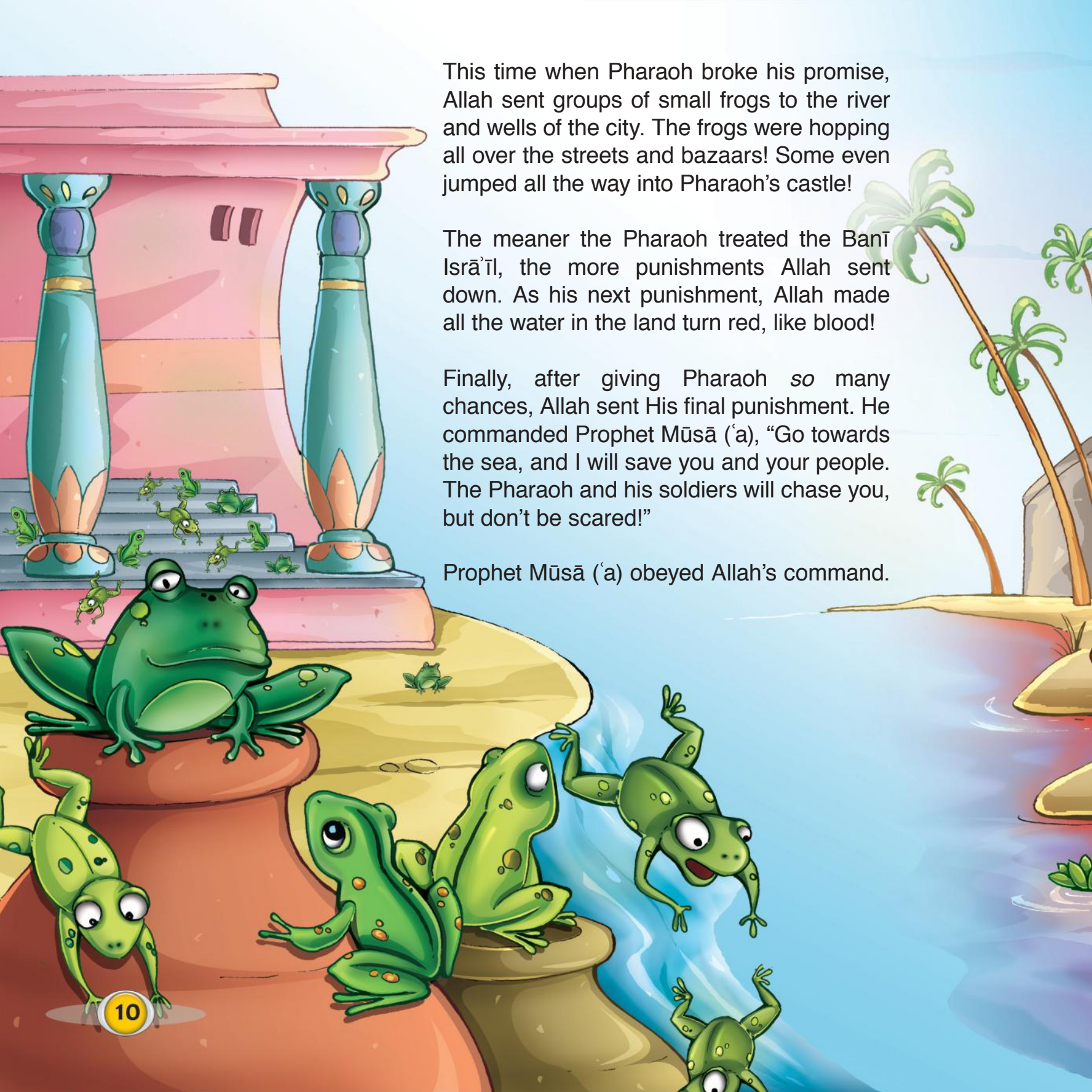
It didn't take long for Pharaoh to break his promise again!

Just like before, he started to torture and mistreat the Banī Isrāʾīl. This time, Allah sent lice all over the heads and bodies of Pharaoh and his followers!

Pharaoh's workers were itchy all over! "We're tired of these punishments!" they complained to him. "Do you *still* think Prophet Mūsā (ʿa) is a magician and liar? These punishments prove that he is telling the truth!"

One more time, Pharaoh begged Prophet Mūsā (ʿa) to ask Allah to forgive him. But in his heart, he *still* didn't believe. He was only *pretending* to believe.





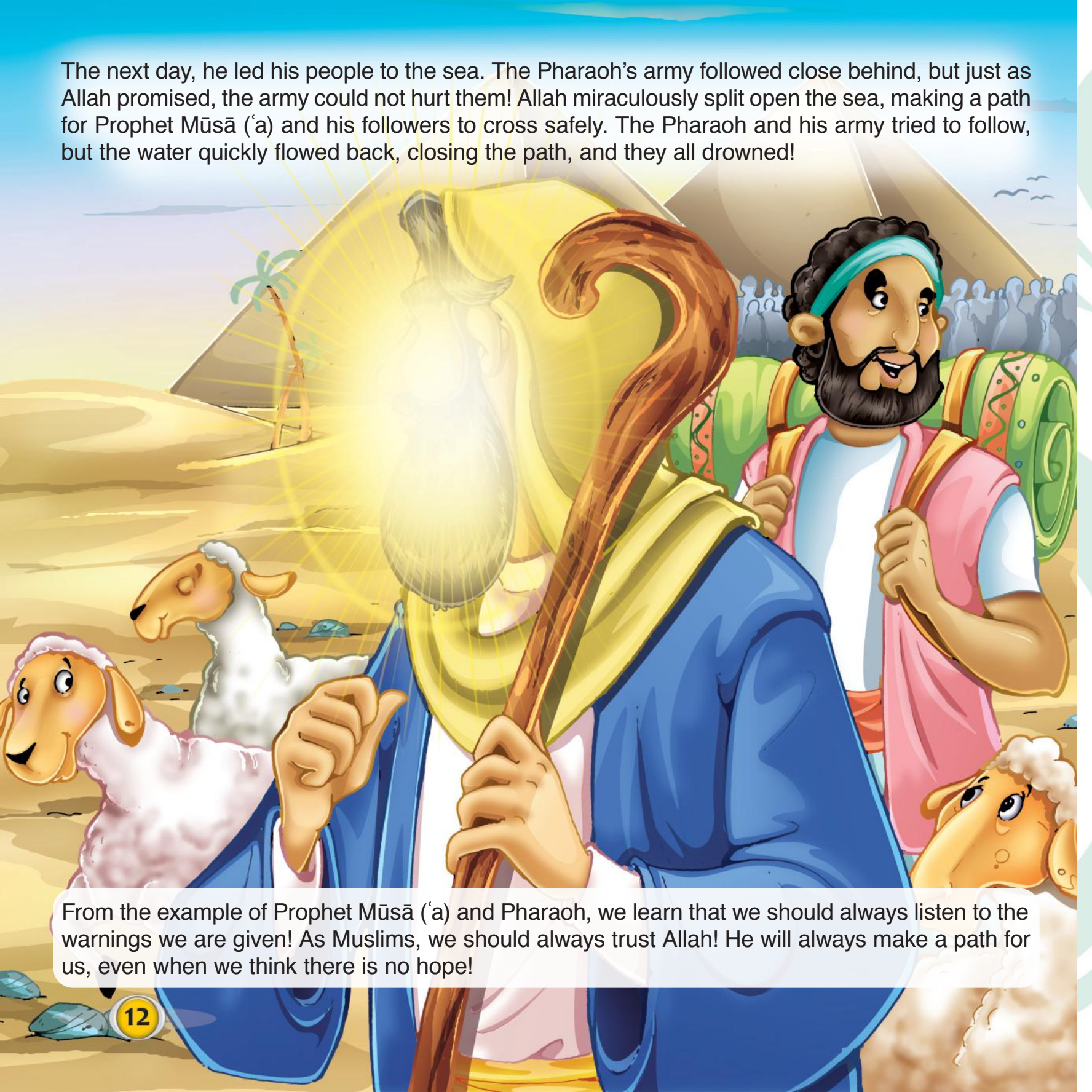
This time when Pharaoh broke his promise, Allah sent groups of small frogs to the river and wells of the city. The frogs were hopping all over the streets and bazaars! Some even jumped all the way into Pharaoh's castle!

The meaner the Pharaoh treated the Banī Isrāʾīl, the more punishments Allah sent down. As his next punishment, Allah made all the water in the land turn red, like blood!

Finally, after giving Pharaoh *so* many chances, Allah sent His final punishment. He commanded Prophet Mūsā (ʿa), "Go towards the sea, and I will save you and your people. The Pharaoh and his soldiers will chase you, but don't be scared!"

Prophet Mūsā (ʿa) obeyed Allah's command.

The next day, he led his people to the sea. The Pharaoh's army followed close behind, but just as Allah promised, the army could not hurt them! Allah miraculously split open the sea, making a path for Prophet Mūsā (ʿa) and his followers to cross safely. The Pharaoh and his army tried to follow, but the water quickly flowed back, closing the path, and they all drowned!



From the example of Prophet Mūsā (ʿa) and Pharaoh, we learn that we should always listen to the warnings we are given! As Muslims, we should always trust Allah! He will always make a path for us, even when we think there is no hope!

Family Time

فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الطُّوفَانَ وَالْجَرَادَ وَالْقُمَّلَ وَالضَّفَادِعَ وَالدَّمَ آيَاتٍ مُفَصَّلَاتٍ فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا وَكَانُوا قَوْمًا مُجْرِمِينَ

So, We sent upon them the flood, locusts, lice, frogs, and blood as distinct signs, but they were arrogant and were a criminal people. (7:133)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

When reading and learning about stories from the Qurʾān, it is important for us to reflect upon the lessons they teach us. In order to help your children internalize the lessons from this story, discuss the following questions:

1. What are three punishments Allah (swt) sent down on the Pharaoh and his worshippers?
2. What was the promise that the Pharaoh continued to break?
3. What was the amazing miracle that Allah (swt) used to save the believers and wipe out the Pharaoh and his army?
4. What lesson can we learn from this story?

Glossary

(ṣ): Peace and blessings be upon Prophet Muḥammad and his family

(swt): All glory belongs to God, the Glorified and Exalted

(ʿa): Peace and blessings be upon him/her

(ʿaj): May God hasten his reappearance

Ahl al-Bayt: Divinely appointed family members of Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ)

al-Fātiḥah: The first *sūrah* that is commonly recited and sent as a gift of prayer for the deceased

Alḥamdulillāh: All praise is for God

Allah: The Arabic term for God, a culmination of all His holy names and titles

Duʿā: Supplication; a deep connection and communication between an individual and God

Imām: A divinely appointed leader, sometimes refers to a spiritual leader

InshāʾAllāh: God-willing

Marḥūmīn: Someone who has passed away

Qurʾān: The holy book of Muslims

Sūrah: A chapter of the Qurʾān

Tawakkul: Reliance and trust in God

Tawfīq: Divine blessings from God that give one the opportunity and ability to thrive towards success

ʿUlamāʾ: Scholars

Transliteration Chart

Arabic terms in this book have been transliterated according to the following guidelines*:

ء	a, i, or u (initial form)
ء	ʾ (medial or final form)
ا	a
ب	b
ت	t
ث	th
ج	j
ح	ḥ
خ	kh
د	d
ذ	dh
ر	r
ز	z
س	s
ش	sh
ص	ṣ
ض	ḍ
ط	ṭ
ظ	ẓ
ع	ʿ
غ	gh
ف	f
ق	q
ك	k
ل	l
م	m
ن	n
ه	h
و	w
ي	y

ـَ	a
ـِ	i
ـُ	u
ـّ	double letter
آ / ـَا / ىٰ	ā
ـِي	ī
ـُو	ū

*Please note that due to limitations, the transliteration is not 100% accurate in capturing tajwīd rules.

Allah, the All-Merciful, keeps giving the evil Pharaoh chances to seek forgiveness and believe in Him. No matter how many chances He gives though, the Pharaoh keeps torturing the Bani Israil. So, how can Prophet Musa (a) help his followers escape? *Prophet Musa (a) and the Signs* teaches us that when we trust in Allah, He helps us in ways we could not even imagine.

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